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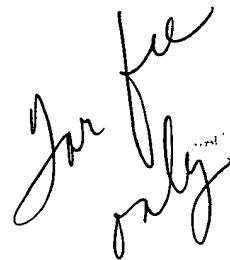
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Applicant: Cantrell et al.
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Filed: August 17, 2001
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Title: **MULTICOMPONENT ASSEMBLIES HAVING ENHANCED
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 4, 2004 in the above-
referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

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component of a *prima facie* case of obviousness; this is lacking. Thus, applicants respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn.

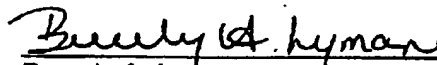
CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, applicant's invention is believed to be patentable and an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant has submitted a petition for a one-month extension with this Amendment and authorizes the Examiner to charge the fee of \$110, for a one-month extension to Deposit Account No. 23-3000. If any additional fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

The Examiner is invited to contact the applicants' undersigned representative with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,
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